



HIGHLIGHTS

14,265

Malian households in Mbera camp

5,434

People with specific needs assisted in Mbera Camp

486

New arrivals from Mali registered since 2015

30L

Of potable water available per person per day in Mbera Camp

2,936

Voluntary returns since 2013

Population of concern

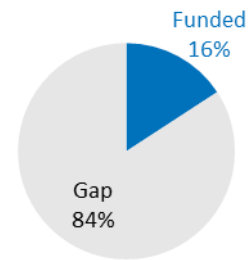
A total of **52,154** people assisted in 2016

	Total
Refugees from Mali	50,419
Other refugees (urban)	1,194
Asylum seekers (urban)	541
Total	52,154

Funding in 2016

USD 19 million requested, **USD 3M**

received from **Japan**



UNHCR Presence



UNHCR offices and staffing:

2 offices: Nouakchott and Bassikounou
63 staff, including **17** international staff

Implementing partners:

- Ministère de l'intérieur et de la décentralisation
- Commissariat à la sécurité alimentaire
- Agence nationale du registre des populations et des titres sécurisés
- Action Contre la Faim – Espagne
- Association pour la Lutte contre la Pauvreté et le sous-développement
- Fédération luthérienne mondiale
- InterSos
- SOS Désert
- Mutuelle Féminine de Solidarité d'Entraide d'Epargne et de Crédit

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR collaborates with the Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization and local authorities for the coordination of protection and assistance to refugees in Mauritania. The organization actively participates in the UN Country Team and works closely with national and international NGOs. UNHCR holds coordination meetings every two weeks with all agencies in Mbera camp.

2016 ACTIVITIES FOR MALIAN REFUGEES IN MBERA CAMP

Protection

- Maintenance and update of the refugee **biometric registration database**.
- Tailored assistance to people with **specific needs** through home visits, psychosocial counseling, walking aid, support for people with disabilities.
- Awareness-raising activities and training on the **prevention and response to gender-based violence**, as well as **child protection** for refugees and partner agencies and medical and psychosocial support for victims.

Education

- Support to **primary education** in Mbera camp with the payment of indemnities for more than 200 school staffs, including directors, teachers and canteen staffs.
- **Literacy/numeracy** classes for 400 adults in the camp.

Health

- Support access to **primary health care** in Mbera camp with the supply of medical equipment and medicine to the health center.
- **Medical evacuation** to Nema and Nouakchott hospitals for refugees with serious medical conditions in need of **secondary or tertiary health care**.

Food Security and Nutrition

- **Monthly distribution** of food (rice, pulses, oil provided by WFP) in the camp and **monitoring of refugees' access to food** in sufficient quantity and quality through monthly **Food Basket Monitoring** and quarterly **Post-Distribution Monitoring**.

Access to energy

- Distribution of **charcoal for 1,200 households** with specific needs.

Shelter and Non-food items

- Replacement of deteriorated **basic items** (jerry cans, mosquito nets) and distribution of **shelters** in the camp under a self-help scheme.
- Maintenance of **community infrastructures** (reception centre, schools, community centres...).

Water, Sanitation and hygiene

- Maintenance and optimization of the existing **water system**, construction/rehabilitation of semi-permanent **latrines**.
- Organization of **hygiene awareness-raising activities** in the camp and **sustainable waste management** (more than 10,000 individuals targeted per month).
- **Distribution of hygiene kits (soap, buckets, cups etc.)** for 100% refugees and distribution of sanitary **hygiene kits** for women of childbearing age twice a year.

Peaceful coexistence between refugee and host communities

- Strengthening of **community-based mechanisms** such as mixed committees (composed of refugees and host community), socio-cultural activities and focus groups to promote peaceful coexistence.
- **Quick-impact projects in the host population targeting more than 10 villages**, including the rehabilitation of water and sanitation infrastructures, the fencing of arable land and support to livestock activities.

Self-reliance and Community Empowerment

- Strengthening refugees' **self-reliance** in the camp with the funding **100 new income-generating** activities in 2016, technical support and **follow-up on 195 projects** started in 2014-2015.
- Maintenance of **vegetable gardens benefiting more than 1,800 women and their families** as well as distribution of dairy-goats for **570 households** to strengthen their livelihoods and improve refugees' diet.
- Strengthening **capacity of refugee committees** which participate in the management of services and infrastructures in the camp.

2016 ACTIVITIES FOR URBAN REFUGEES/ASYLUM SEEKERS

Protection

- **Registration** of urban asylum seekers and determination of **refugee status** under UNHCR's mandate.
- Training of more than **70 police/military officers** and members of the ministries on refugee protection, refugees' rights and freedom of movement.
- Support to the authorities for the finalization of a **national refugee law**.

Education

- **Primary/secondary education** support for urban refugees through tuition coverage and access to remedial courses.

Health

- Facilitate access to the national health system for all refugees and support **access to primary health care** for urban refugees with specific needs and secondary and tertiary health care for all urban refugees.

Shelter and Non-food items

- Distribution of **hygiene kits** to women and girls of childbearing age twice a year.

Self-reliance and Community Empowerment

- Follow-up on **29 micro finance** projects started in 2015 and start-up of **5 new projects** to support small businesses (e.g. fabrics and crafts, fish and grocery shops).
- Access to **vocational training programmes** for 59 refugees in coordination with public and private training centers.

Durable Solutions

- Identification and submission of **resettlement** cases (currently 140 refugees in need), assistance to **voluntary returns** (50 planned in 2016).

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